Pursuant to Labor Code section 5307.1(g)(2), the Acting Administrative Director of the Division of Workers’ Compensation orders that the physician services and non-physician practitioner services fee schedule portion of the Official Medical Fee Schedule contained in title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9789.19, is adjusted to conform to changes in the Medicare system, effective for services rendered on or after April 1, 2017. The update includes changes identified in Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services Change Request (CR) number 9977, Transmittal 3719.

This Order adopts changes to the OMFS for Physician Services and Non-Physician Practitioner Services to conform to the following Medicare changes:

1) The April 1, 2017 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule release. The CMS’ Medicare National Physician Fee Schedule Relative Value File [Zip] as indicated below is adopted and incorporated by reference, and conforming changes are adopted to title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9789.19:

   For services rendered on or after April 1, 2017:
   RVU17B [ZIP, 3MB]
   • RVU17B (Excluding Attachment A)
   • PPRRVU17_V0209
   • OPPSCAP_V0215
   Excluding:
   17LOCCO
   ANES_V0101
   CY2017_GPCIs

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2) The April 1, 2017 Medicare quarterly update to the Practitioner PTP National Correct Coding Initiative Edits. The Practitioner PTP Correct Coding Edits files listed below are adopted and incorporated by reference, and conforming changes are adopted to title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9789.19:

Practitioner PTP Edits v23.1 effective April 1, 2017 (474,500 records) 0001M/36591 – 25931/G0471
Practitioner PTP Edits v23.1 effective April 1, 2017 (502,046 records) 26010/01810 – 36909/J2001
Practitioner PTP Edits v23.1 effective April 1, 2017 (495,097 records) 37140/0213T – 60650/G0471
Practitioner PTP Edits v23.1 effective April 1, 2017 (501,223 records) : 61000/0213T – R0075/R0070

3) The April 1, 2017 quarterly update to the Practitioner Services Medically Unlikely Edits. Medicare’s Practitioner Services MUE Table – Effective 4/1/17, is adopted and incorporated by reference, and conforming changes are adopted to title 8, California Code of Regulations, section 9789.19. It is currently accessible on the CMS website and will be posted on the DWC Physician Fee Schedule web page for access in the future.

This Order and the updated regulations are effective for services rendered on or after April 1, 2017 and shall be published on the website of the Division of Workers’ Compensation:

http://www.dir.ca.gov/DWC/OMFS9904.htm

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 8, 2017

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
GEORGE P. PARISOTTO
Acting Administrative Director of the Division of Workers’ Compensation